

CLB-5 (Fwd) Maintenance Company

Greetings Family and Friends of CLB-5 Maintenance Company Marines,

All the Marines have arrived at Camp Fallujah safe and sound. On average, our trip from Camp Pendleton to Camp Fallujah took about six days. While in transit, the Marines lived in large tents and didn't have much space to call their own. Once we arrived at our final destination, we moved into trailer units. The trailer units are not that big, and the Marines share trailers amongst themselves, but at least they get some privacy. There are plenty of bathroom facilities and hot showers available for all the Marines. The quality of life here is better than expected, especially for those making their first deployment to Fallujah.

When we arrived to the camp, we immediately began the turnover process with the Marines we were replacing. The Marines were very eager to start doing what they came here to do... maintenance. The Marines of CLB-5 Maintenance Company were so energetic and thorough with their inspections, conducting inventories and learning new procedures that we were able to make the transition and replace our predecessors significantly earlier than expected.



The Marines of Maintenance Company are a magnificent group of Marines and are all great Americans. They always have a positive attitude and they make me proud everyday. I am very fortunate to be their Company Commander. You should all be proud of them and be proud of what they are doing here in Iraq. They are all focused on the mission and there

is no doubt in my mind that they will continue to excel and exceed all expectations that have been set for them.

On a final note, I would like to personally thank all of you for your continued support. There is no question that the Marines here know that you support them. I know that it is difficult to be separated from loved ones, but knowing that you are behind them and awaiting their safe arrival back home, makes life bearable here and helps the time go by faster. Keep in touch with your Marine, whether it is by mail or by email. They will communicate back.

Semper Fidelis,
Captain Sean J. Collins
CLB-5 Maintenance Company, Company Commander